

Environment, Development and Transport Committee

Report title:	Recommendations of the Greater Norwich Partnership (GNDP) Board
Date of meeting:	8 March 2019
Responsible Chief Officer:	Tom McCabe – Executive Director, Community and Environmental Services
Strategic impact Working in partnership across Greater Norwich will help to deliver infrastructure to enable economic growth, housing and jobs	

Executive summary

The Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board oversees the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) and makes recommendations for consideration by each of the partners. A meeting of the Board took place on 29 January 2019. The main report considered by the Board outlined a proposed approach to developing an overall strategy for the distribution of growth to inform the draft Greater Norwich Local Plan. The Board agreed the proposed approach which combines elements of urban concentration; dispersed growth to sustainable locations in more rural parts; and, supporting the Cambridge Norwich Tech corridor.

Recommendations:

- 1. Members are recommended to support the GNDP Board's endorsement of the proposed approach for developing the planning strategy for growth for the Draft Greater Norwich Local Plan to be consulted on in Autumn 2019.**

1. Proposal

- 1.1. The Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) Board oversees the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan and makes recommendations for consideration by each of the partners. Cllrs Wilby, Clancy and East are members of the GNDP Board. A meeting of the Board on 29 January 2019 considered a proposed approach to developing an overall strategy for the draft Greater Norwich Local Plan. The Board also noted a high-level summary of responses received on a recent sites consultation. This report to ETD Committee does not repeat the details of the GNDP Board reports which can be found at <http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/dmsdocument/2525> with an additional illustrative diagram and addendum at <http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/dmsdocument/2527>
Due to the timing of the meetings, this Committee Report has been written without the benefit of agreed minutes of the Board meeting.
- 1.2. In summary, the Board agreed the proposed strategic approach which combines three key elements of options that were subject to consultation in 2018 i.e. urban concentration; dispersed growth to sustainable locations in more rural parts;

and, supporting the Cambridge Norwich Tech corridor. The Board report suggests indicative scales of growth that flow from this approach, in locations across the three districts. It notes that this proposed strategic distribution is a starting point to guide more detailed work on the draft GNLP. Subject to the outcome of this more detailed analysis, it may be necessary to amend the strategy.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1. There are no direct financial implications of this consultation. Staff support is managed through existing resources.

3. Issues, risks and innovation

- 3.1. There are no other significant issues that arise from this decision. This kind of partnership remains innovative.

4. Background

- 4.1. The County Council has been working successfully in partnership across the Greater Norwich area for a number of years through the GNDP and the Greater Norwich Growth Board. Working in partnership helps bring significant infrastructure investment to the area.
- 4.2. The GNDP Board oversees the production of the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk. The Board is not a decision-making body and its recommendations are considered by each of the partners. While the plan making responsibility remains with the district councils, in the spirit of partnership, the County Council, through the EDT Committee, endorse the recommendations of the Board as appropriate. Service departments are engaged at appropriate times in the development of the draft plan. Membership of the GNDP helps us discharge our responsibilities under the “duty to co-operate” and demonstrates unity of purpose, supporting the delivery of economic growth and infrastructure in the Greater Norwich area.
- 4.3. Over the next few months the partnership will be developing policies with a view to a consultation on a draft Local Plan, setting out the preferred approach later in 2019. As the plan develops it should support County Council policies and priorities. The Local Plan will reflect progress on transport infrastructure such as the Norwich Western Link and support economic development. The County Council’s health and transport agendas would seek to ensure that any new estate scale housing allocations are located to promote active travel and provide for safe routes to schools.

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